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## Buena Park Elementary School Honors Students

**BUENA PARK, CA** – Gilbert School honored 23 students for demonstrating respect, organization, attentiveness and responsibility (ROAR), showing growth mindset or demonstrating improvement during distance learning lessons at its first drive-through ROAR celebration.

Each week, teachers select students to honor with printed certificates, which outline their academic or social accomplishments. Students, along with their families, were invited onto campus to collect their awards while being celebrated by teachers and staff. Students and families wore masks and followed social distancing rules to maintain safety.

“We want to make sure that we’re celebrating our students’ accomplishments on a more regular basis. I look forward to sharing this week’s Student ROARS on Friday,” Gilbert School Principal Leslie Ramirez said.

Gilbert’s ROAR awards are connected to the school’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) programs, which teach students about responsibility, focusing on life and school goals and developing self-advocacy while preparing themselves for college.

“I am so proud of my daughter for winning this award because distance learning has been so difficult for everyone,” said Adriana Viveros, parent of a Gilbert School Kindergarten student. “She’s used to being in school and interacting with her teacher and other children. Now, she’s showing a lot of improvement and being able to recognize numbers and letters, so I’m happy about that.”

Awardees were also allowed to select one gift, such as school supplies or stuffed animals, to celebrate their success.

“We are deeply proud of our Gilbert School students for continuing to achieve and grow,” said Superintendent Dr. Ramon Miramontes. “It’s important that we always reward good behavior and honor our students who are succeeding.”

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**ROAR Award Winners:** Abraham R., Queen Ruthie W., Benjamin M., Brooklyn C., Erick C., Santos A., Christopher C., Valeria F., Samardeep S., Kianna S., Melanie A., Meleny R., Jaiden L., Karen S., Edrich C., Nicole C., Yvette O., Daniel C., Samantha C., Isabella D., Xavier G., Alan A., Shaira A.

## PHOTO CAPTIONS:

**BUENAPARK\_ROAR1:** Gilbert School Principal congratulates second-grader Brooklyn C. with an award that outlines how she is demonstrating respect, organization, attentiveness and responsibility (ROAR). Each week, the ROAR awards are selected by teachers to honor students for improving their social skills and academics.

**BUENAPARK\_ROAR2:** Gilbert School fifth-grader Edrich C. shows off his award for improving his reading and writing skills, during his school's first drive-through ROAR award ceremony. Each week, the ROAR awards are selected by teachers to honor students for improving their social skills and academics.

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